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Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Basic Financial Statements and Independent Auditor's Reports As of June 30, 2003, and for the Years Ended June 30, 2003 and 2002 With Supplemental Financial Information

Under the provisions of state law, this report is a public document. A copy of this report has been submitted to the Governor, to the Attorney General, and to other public officials as required by state law. A copy of this report has been made available for public inspection at the Baton Rouge office of the Legislative Auditor.

August 20, 2003

Basic Financial Statements and Independent Auditor's Reports As of June 30, 2003, and for the Years Ended June 30, 2003 and 2002 With Supplemental Financial Information

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August 6, 2003

<u>Independent Auditor's Report</u> on the Financial Statements

LOUISIANA EGG COMMISSION DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY STATE OF LOUISIANA

Baton Rouge, Louisiana

We have audited the accompanying basic financial statements of the Louisiana Egg Commission, a component unit of the State of Louisiana, as of June 30, 2003, and for the years ended June 30, 2003 and 2002. These financial statements are the responsibility of management of the Louisiana Egg Commission. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the basic financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Louisiana Egg Commission as of June 30, 2003, and its changes in financial position and its cash flows for the years ended June 30, 2003 and 2002, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

As discussed in note 1-A to the financial statements, the Louisiana Egg Commission adopted the provisions of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement Number 34, Basic Financial Statements-and Management's Discussion and Analysis-for State and Local Governments, as of July 1, 2001.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated August 6, 2003, on our consideration of the Louisiana Egg Commission's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, and contracts. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR

LOUISIANA EGG COMMISSION DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY STATE OF LOUISIANA

Audit Report, June 30, 2003

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the Louisiana Egg Commission's basic financial statements. The accompanying supplemental financial information listed in the table of contents is presented for the purpose of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements of the Louisiana Egg Commission. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied by us in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, based on our audit, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

Management's discussion and analysis on pages 4 through 6 is not a required part of the basic financial statements but is supplementary information required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted primarily of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Respectfully submitted,

Grover C. Austin, CPA

First Assistant Legislative Auditor

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LOUISIANA EGG COMMISSION DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY STATE OF LOUISIANA MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

The management's discussion and analysis of the Louisiana Egg Commission's financial performance presents a narrative overview and analysis of the commission's financial activities for the year ended June 30, 2003. This document focuses on the current year's activities, resulting changes, and currently known facts in comparison with the prior year's information. Please read this information in conjunction with the commission's basic financial statements, which begins on page 7.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- The commission's assets exceeded its liabilities at the close of fiscal year 2003 by \$63,590, which represents a 16% increase from last fiscal year. The net assets increased by \$8,601.
- The commission's operating revenue increased by \$7,038 (or 15%) and the net results from activities increased by \$13,993 (or 259%).

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

These financial statements consist of three sections - *Management's Discussion and Analysis* (this section), the basic financial statements (including the notes to the financial statements), and supplementary information.

Basic Financial Statements

The basic financial statements present information for the commission, as a whole, in a format designed to make the statements easier for the reader to understand. The statements in this section include the Statement of Net Assets; the Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Fund Net Assets; and the Statement of Cash Flows.

The <u>Statement of Net Assets</u> (page 7) presents the current and long-term portions of assets and liabilities separately. However, the commission does not have any long-term portions. The difference between total assets and total liabilities is net assets and may provide a useful indicator of whether the commission's financial position is improving or deteriorating.

The <u>Statement of Revenues</u>, <u>Expenses</u>, <u>and Changes in Fund Net Assets</u> (page 8) presents information showing how the commission's assets changed as a result of current year operations. Regardless of when cash is affected, all changes in net assets are reported when the underlying transactions occur. As a result, transactions are included that will not affect cash until future fiscal periods.

Management's Discussion and Analysis (Continued)

The <u>Statement of Cash Flows</u> (page 9) presents information showing how the commission's cash changed as a result of current year operations. The cash flow statement is prepared using the direct method and includes the reconciliation of operating income (loss) to net cash provided (used) by operating activities (indirect method) as required by GASB 34.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE COMMISSION

Statement of Net Assets

	Net Ass	Net Assets, As of	
	June 30, 2003	June 30, 2002	
Current and other assets Current liabilities	\$63,687 97	\$59,230 4,241	
Total net assets - unrestricted	\$63,590	\$54,989	

Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Fund Net Assets

	For the Y	For the Year Ended	
	June 30, 2003	June 30, 2002	
Operating revenues	\$54,384	\$47,346	
Operating expenses	46,191	53,530	
Operating income (loss)	8,193	(6,184)	
Nonoperating revenues	408	792	
Increase (decrease) in net assets	\$8,601	(\$5,392)	

The commission's total revenues increased by \$6,654 (or 14%). The total cost of all programs and services decreased by \$7,339 (or less than 14%).

CAPITAL ASSET AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

The commission has no capital assets or debt at June 30, 2003.

Management's Discussion and Analysis (Concluded)

CONTACTING THE LOUISIANA EGG COMMISSION'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide citizens, taxpayers, and customers with a general overview of the Louisiana Egg Commission's finances and to show the commission's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact Linda R. Chaney, Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry, Post Office Box 631, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70821-0631.

Statement of Net Assets, June 30, 2003

ASSETS

Current assets:	
Cash and cash equivalents (note 2)	\$59,722
Receivables - assessments (note 3)	3,965_
Total Assets	63,687
LIABILITIES - accounts payable	97
NET ASSETS - unrestricted	\$63,590_

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Fund Net Assets For the Years Ended June 30, 2003 and 2002

	2003	2002
Operating revenues:		
Licenses and fees	\$2,580	\$2,455
Assessments	51,804	44,891
Total operating revenues	54,384	47,346
Operating expenses:		
Administrative services (note 4)	10,000	10,000
Travel	528	1,103
Operating services	27,616	26,374
Supplies	7,597	11,648
Other charges	450	4,405
Total operating expenses	46,191	53,530
Operating income (loss)	8,193	(6,184)
Nonoperating revenues:		
Use of money and property	408	792
Change in net assets	8,601	(5,392)
TOTAL NET ASSETS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR,		
AS RESTATED (note 5)	54,989	60,381
TOTAL NET ASSETS AT END OF YEAR	\$63,590	\$54,989

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

Statement of Cash Flows For the Years Ended June 30, 2003 and 2002

	JUNE 30, 2003	JUNE 30, 2002
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Cash received from assessments, licenses, and fees	\$53,145	\$49,726
Cash paid to suppliers for goods and services	(50,335)	(49,289)
Net cash provided by operating activities	2,810	437
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Interest received	408	792
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	3,218	1,229
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	56,504	55,275
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	\$59,722	\$56,504
Reconciliation of operating income (loss) to net cash		
provided by operating activities:		
Operating income (loss)	8,193	(6,184)
Changes in assets and liabilities:	(4.000)	0.000
Decrease (increase) in receivables	(1,239)	2,380
Increase (decrease) in payables	(4,144)	4,241
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$2,810	\$437

Notes to the Financial Statements As of June 30, 2003, and for the Years Ended June 30, 2003 and 2002

INTRODUCTION

The Louisiana Egg Commission is a component unit of the State of Louisiana created within the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry, as provided by Louisiana Revised Statutes (R.S.) 3:551.1-11. The commission is composed of 12 members, 10 of whom are appointed by the governor upon the joint recommendation of the Poultry Industries of Louisiana, Incorporated, and/or the Louisiana Egg Council, and the Commissioner of Agriculture and Forestry. Two of the members are appointed by the governor from the public at large. Members are appointed to six-year terms, and the appointments are staggered so that either two or four members' terms expire every two years. The Commissioner of Agriculture and Forestry is an ex-officio member with voting privileges. Commission members do not receive any compensation.

The commission is charged with the responsibility of entering into advertising contracts and other agreements for consumer, producer, and dealer information services as to the food value of eggs and for instruction on grades and packs and how to evaluate their merits to expand the market for Louisiana-produced eggs. Operations of the commission are funded entirely with self-generated revenues. Personnel of the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry perform all collection and administrative functions of the commission. The commission has no employees.

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared on the full accrual basis in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard setting body for establishing governmental accounting principles and reporting standards. These principles are found in the *Codification of Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards*, published by the GASB. The commission applies all GASB pronouncements as well as Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) statements and interpretations issued on or before November 30, 1989, unless those pronouncements conflict with or contradict GASB pronouncements.

These financial statements include the implementation of GASB Statement Number 34, Basic Financial Statements-and Management's Discussion and Analysis-for State and Local Governments and related standards. This new standard provides for significant changes in terminology, recognition of contributions in the Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Fund Net Assets, inclusion of a management discussion and analysis as required supplementary information, and other changes.

Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

B. REPORTING ENTITY

GASB Codification Section 2100 establishes criteria for determining the governmental reporting entity and has defined the governmental reporting entity to be the State of Louisiana. The commission is considered to be a component unit of the State of Louisiana because the state exercises oversight responsibility in that the governor appoints the commission members and can impose his will on the commission. The accompanying financial statements present only the activity of the Louisiana Egg Commission. Annually, the State of Louisiana issues basic financial statements that include the activity contained in the accompanying financial statements.

C. FUND ACCOUNTING

All activities of the commission are accounted for within a single proprietary (enterprise) fund. Proprietary funds are used to account for operations that are (a) financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises where the intent of the governing body is that the cost of providing goods or services to the general public on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges; or (b) where the governing body has decided that periodic determination of revenues earned, expenses incurred, and/or net income is appropriate for capital maintenance, public policy, management control, accountability, or other purposes.

D. BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

Basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenses are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statement. Basis of accounting relates to the timing of the measurements made, regardless of the measurement focus applied. The transactions of the commission are accounted for on a flow of economic resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, all assets and all liabilities associated with the operations are included on the Statement of Net Assets.

Revenues are recognized in the accounting period when they are earned and expenses are recognized when the related liability is incurred.

Proprietary funds distinguish operating revenues and expenses from nonoperating items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and/or producing and delivering goods in connection with a proprietary fund's principal ongoing operations. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as nonoperating revenues and expenses. The principal operating revenue of the commission derives from assessments on Louisiana egg producers.

Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

E. BUDGET PRACTICES

The commission does not adopt a formal budget on a fiscal basis. However, the commission may allocate amounts to be spent on specific projects for the promotion of eggs. Other expenditures are not considered in this allocation.

F. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Cash and cash equivalents include interest-bearing demand deposits, certificates of deposit, and cash in the state treasury. Under state law, the commission may deposit funds within a fiscal agent bank organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana, the laws of any other state in the Union, or the laws of the United States. Furthermore, the commission may invest in time certificates of deposit of state banks organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana, national banks having their principal offices in Louisiana, in savings accounts or shares of savings and loan associations and savings banks, and in share accounts and share certificate accounts of federally or state chartered credit unions.

G. CAPITAL ASSETS AND LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS

The commission has no capital assets or long-term obligations at June 30, 2003.

H. COMPENSATED ABSENCES, PENSION BENEFITS, AND POSTRETIREMENT HEALTH CARE AND LIFE INSURANCE BENEFITS

The commission has no employees. Employees of the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry perform all transactions. Therefore, no compensated absences, pension benefits, or postretirement benefits are provided by the commission.

I. NET ASSETS

Net assets comprise the various net earnings from operation, nonoperating revenues, expenses and contributions of capital. Net assets generally are classified in the following components:

Invested in capital assets, net of related debt - consists of all capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by the outstanding balances of any bonds or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets.

Restricted - consists of external constraints placed on net asset use by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments or constraints imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

Unrestricted net assets - consists of all other net assets that are not included in the other categories previously mentioned.

J. ESTIMATES

The preparation of financial statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

2. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

At June 30, 2003, the commission has cash and cash equivalents (book balances) totaling \$59,722 as follows:

Interest-bearing demand deposits	\$5,042
Savings accounts	2,403
Certificates of deposit	40,698
Cash in state treasury	11,579_
Total	\$59,722

These deposits are stated at cost, which approximates market. Under state law, these deposits (or the resulting bank balances) must be secured by federal deposit insurance or the pledge of securities owned by the fiscal agent bank. The market value of the pledged securities plus the federal deposit insurance must at all times equal the amount on deposit with the fiscal agent. At June 30, 2003, the commission has \$48,335 in deposits (collected bank balances), excluding cash in state treasury. These deposits are fully secured from risk by federal deposit insurance (GASB Category 1).

Cash balances held and controlled by the state treasurer are secured from risk by the state treasurer through separate custodial agreements, and the risk disclosures required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America are included within the state's basic financial statements.

3. RECEIVABLES

At June 30, 2003, the commission has receivable balances for egg assessments totaling \$3.965. The commission has not established an allowance for doubtful accounts.

Notes to the Financial Statements (Concluded)

4. ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

As shown on Statement B, the commission paid \$10,000 for the years ended June 30, 2003 and 2002, to the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry for administering and collecting assessments and license fees on the sale of eggs. R.S. 3:551.6(C) allows the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry to charge the commission all costs incurred in collecting the assessments and license fees.

5. NET ASSETS RESTATED

The beginning net assets as reflected on Statement B has been restated to reflect previously unrecorded accounts receivable existing at June 30, 2001.

Retained earnings, June 30, 2001	\$56,853
Adjustment - prior year accounts receivable	3,528_
Net assets at June 30, 2001	\$60,381

6. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Act 523 of the 2003 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature raised the annual license fee for dealing and handling eggs or egg products from \$10 to \$100. In addition, Act 523 increased the per diem paid to board members from \$15 to \$40 and reduced the number of board members from twelve to nine. The Act further states that the members will be appointed by the Commissioner of Agriculture and Forestry and confirmed by the Senate.

LOUISIANA EGG COMMISSION DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY STATE OF LOUISIANA OTHER SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION As of and for the Year Ended June 30, 2003

ANNUAL FISCAL REPORT TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR, DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATION, OFFICE OF STATEWIDE REPORTING AND ACCOUNTING POLICY

The annual fiscal report presents the financial position of the Louisiana Egg Commission as of June 30, 2003, and the results of its operations for the year then ended. This report contains information in the format requested by the Office of Statewide Reporting and Accounting Policy for consolidation into the Louisiana Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

LOUISIANA EGG COMMISSION

(Agency Name)
STATE OF LOUISIANA
Annual Financial Statements
June 30, 20 03

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STATE OF LOUISIANA Annual Financial Statements Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 20 03

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AFFIDAVIT

Personally came and appeared before the undersigned authority, Skip Rhorer (Name) Assistant Commissioner of Management & Finance (Title) of Department of Agriculture & Forestry (Agency) who duly sworn, deposes and says, that the financial statements herewith given present fairly the financial position of Louisiana Egg Commission (Agency) at June 30, 2003, and the results of operations for the year then ended in accordance with policies and practices established by the Division of Administration or in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles as prescribed by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. Sworn and subscribed before me, this 1172 day of 500 day of 500 day.

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Prepared by:	Linda R. Chaney	
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Notes to the Financial Statement As of and for the year ended June 30, 20_03

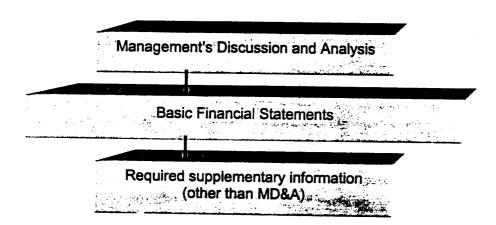
The Management's Discussion and Analysis of the <u>Louisiana Egg Commission</u> 's (BTA) financial performance presents a narrative overview and analysis of the <u>commission</u> 's (BTA) financial activities for the year ended June 30, 2003. This document focuses on the current year's activities, resulting changes, and currently known facts in comparison with the prior year's information. Please read this document in conjunction with the additional information contained in the transmittal letter presented on pages ____ and the <u>commission</u> 's (BTA) financial statements, which begin on page ____.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- * The <u>commission</u>'s (BTA) assets exceeded its liabilities at the close of fiscal year 2003 by <u>63,590</u>, which represents a <u>16</u> % increase decrease from last fiscal year. The net assets increased decreased by \$ 8,601 (or 15 %).
- \star The <u>commission</u>'s (BTA) operating revenue increased decreased \$ 7,038 (or <u>15 %</u>) and the net results from activities increased decreased by \$ 13,993 (or <u>259 %</u>).

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The following graphic illustrates the minimum requirements for Special Purpose Governments Engaged in Business-Type Activities established by Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement 34, <u>Basic Financial Statements—and Management's Discussion and Analysis—for State and Local Governments</u>.



These financial statements consist of three sections - Management's Discussion and Analysis (this section), the basic financial statements (including the notes to the financial statements), and required supplementary information.

STATE OF LOUISIANA LOUISIANA EGG COMMISSION Notes to the Financial Statement As of and for the year ended June 30, 20_03

Basic Financial Statements

The basic financial statements present information for the <u>commission</u> (BTA) as a whole, in a format designed to make the statements easier for the reader to understand. The statements in this section include the Statement of Net Assets; the Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Fund Net Assets; and the Statement of Cash Flows. The Statement of Net Assets (pages __ - __) presents the current and long-term portions of assets and liabilities separately. The difference between total assets and total liabilities is net assets and may provide a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the commission (BTA) is improving or deteriorating. The Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Fund Net Assets (pages presents information showing how <u>commission</u>'s (BTA) assets changed as a result of current year operations. Regardless of when cash is affected, all changes in net assets are reported when the underlying transactions occur. As a result, there are transactions included that will not affect cash until future fiscal periods. The Cash Flow Statement (pages __ - __) presents information showing how <u>commission</u>'s (BTA) cash changed as a result of current year operations. The cash flow statement is prepared using the direct method and includes the reconciliation of operating income (loss) to net cash

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STATE OF LOUISIANA LOUISIANA EGG COMMISSION Notes to the Financial Statement

Notes to the Financial Statement As of and for the year ended June 30, 20_03

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Unrestricted		63,590	Marian.	54,989	*
Total net assets		63,590	\$	54,989	- 15

Restricted net assets represent those assets that are not available for spending as a result of legislative requirements, donor agreements, grant requirements. Conversely, unrestricted net assets are those that do not have any limitations on what these amounts may be used for.

Net assets of <u>commission</u> 's (BTA) increased decreased by \$ <u>8,601</u> , or <u>15</u> %, from
June 30, 2002, to June 30, 2003. One of the major causes of this decrease is the inclusion of
infrastructure assets. This class of asset, which includes roads, bridges, and levees, was not
included in general fixed assets of (BTA) under the basis of accounting prior to adoption of
GASB Statement 34. Other causes include

STATE OF LOUISIANA LOUISIANA EGG COMMISSION

Notes to the Financial Statement As of and for the year ended June 30, 20 03

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CAPITAL ASSET AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

Capital Assets

The commission had no capital assets or debt at June 30, 2003.

VARIATIONS BETWEEN ORIGINAL AND FINAL BUDGETS

The commission does not have a budget.

ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGETS AND RATES

The <u>commission</u> 's (BTA) elected and appointed officindicators when setting next year's budget, rates, and fee	als considered the following factors and es. These factors and indicators include:
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The	<u>commission</u> (BTA) expects that next year's results will improve based on the following:
	NTACTING THE COMMISSION 'S (BTA) MANAGEMENT
cred	financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, customers, and investors and litors with a general overview of the <u>commission</u> 's (BTA) finances and to show the
_	mmission_'s (BTA) accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this or need additional financial information, contactLinda R. Chaney

STATE OF LOUISIANA <u>LOUISIANA EGG COMMISSION</u> (BTA) STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS AS OF <u>June 30</u>, 20<u>03</u>

ASSETS CURRENT ASSETS: 59,722 Cash and cash equivalents (Note C1) Investments (Note C2) 3,965 Receivables (net of allowance for doubtful accounts)(Note U) Due from other funds (Note Y) Due from federal government Inventories Prepayments Notes receivable Restricted assets (Note F): Investments Receivables Other current assets 63,687 Total current assets **NONCURRENT ASSETS:** Restricted assets (Note F): Cash investments Receivables Notes receivable Capital assets (net of depreciation)(Note D) Land **Buildings and improvements** Machinery and equipment Infrastructure Construction in progress Other noncurrent assets 0 Total noncurrent assets 63,687 Total assets LIABILITIES **CURRENT LIABILITIES:** Accounts payable and accruals (Note V) Due to other funds (Note Y) Due to federal government Deferred revenues Amounts held in custody for others Other current liabilities Current portion of long-term liabilities: Contracts payable Reimbursement contracts payable Compensated absences payable (Note K) Capital lease obligations - (Note J) Notes payable Liabilities payable from restricted assets (Note Z) Bonds payable Other long-term liabilities 97 Total current liabilities **NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES:** Contracts payable Reimbursement contracts payable Compensated absences payable (Note K) Capital lease obligations (Note J) Notes payable Liabilities payable from restricted assets (Note Z) Bonds payable Other long-term liabilities Total long-term liabilities 0 Total liabilities 97 **NET ASSETS** Invested in capital assets, net of related debt Restricted for: Capital projects Debt service Unemployment compensation Other specific purposes Unrestricted 63,590 Total net assets 63,590

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

Total liabilities and net assets

63,687

STATE OF LOUISIANA LOUISIANA EGG COMMISSION (BTA)

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS FOR THE YEAR ENDED <u>June 30</u>, 20 03

OPERATING REVENUES		
Sales of commodities and services	\$_	
Assessments		54,384
Use of money and property	_	
Licenses, permits, and fees		
Other	_	
Total operating revenues	-	54,384
OPERATING EXPENSES		
Cost of sales and services		36,191
Administrative		10,000
Depreciation		
Amortization	-	
Total operating expenses	-	46,191
Operating income(loss)	-	8,193
NON-OPERATING REVENUES(EXPENSES)		
State appropriations	_	
Intergovernmental revenues (expenses)		
Taxes	_	
Use of money and property	_	408
Gain (loss) on disposal of fixed assets	_	
Federal grants	_	
Interest expense		
Other		
Total non-operating revenues(expenses)	-	408
Income(loss) before contributions and transfers	-	8,601
Capital contributions		
Transfers in		
Transfers out	-	
Change in net assets	-	8,601
Total net assets – beginning as restated	-	54,989
Total net assets – ending	\$ _	63,590

STATE OF LOUISIANA LOUISIANA EGG COMMISSION (BTA) STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED June 30, 20 03

			Program Revenu	ies	Net (Expense)
			Operating	Capital	Revenue and
		Charges for	Grants and	Grants and	Changes in
	Expenses	Services	Contributions	Contributions	Net Assets
Component Unit:					
LOUISIANA EGG COMMISS		_			(40.404)
•	46,191	\$	\$ NONE	\$ <u>NONE</u> \$	(46,191)
General revenues:					
Taxes					54,384
State appropriation	ons				
Grants and contr	ibutions not	restricted to spe	ecific programs		
Interest					408
Miscellaneous			,		
Special items					
Transfers					
Total general rev	enues, spec	ial items, and tr	ransfers		54,792
Change in ne	•	•			8,601
Net assets - beginnir					54,989
Net assets - ending	-			\$	63,590

STATE OF LOUISIANA LOUISIANA EGG COMMISSION (BTA) STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED June 30, 20 03

Cash flows from operating activities Cash received from customers Cash payments to suppliers for goods and services Cash payments to employees for services Payments in lieu of taxes Internal activity-payments to other funds Claims paid to outsiders Other operating revenues(expenses) Net cash provided(used) by operating activities	\$ <u>53,145</u> (50,335)
Cash flows from non-capital financing activities	
State appropriations	
Proceeds from sale of bonds	
Principal paid on bonds	
Interest paid on bond maturities	
Proceeds from issuance of notes payable	
Principal paid on notes payable	
Interest paid on notes payable	
Operating grants received	
Other	
Transfers in	
Transfers out	
Net cash provided(used) by non-capital	
financing activities	0
Cash flows from capital and related financing activities	
Proceeds from sale of bonds	
Principal paid on bonds	
Interest paid on bond maturities	
Proceeds from issuance of notes payable	
Principal paid on notes payable	***************************************
Interest paid on notes payable	
Acquisition/construction of capital assets	
Proceeds from sale of capital assets	
Capital contributions	
Other	
Net cash provided(used) by capital and	
related financing activities	0
Totaled interioring addition	
Cash flows from investing activities	
Purchases of investment securities	
Proceeds from sale of investment securities	
Interest and dividends earned on investment securities	408
Net cash provided(used) by investing activities	408
Net increase(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	3,218
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	56,504
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	\$ 59,722
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

STATE OF LOUISIANA LOUISIANA EGG COMMISSION (BTA) STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED June 30, 20 03

Reconciliation of operating income(loss) to net cash provided(used) by operating activities:

Operating income(loss)		\$	8,193
Adjustments to reconcile operating income(loss) to net cash			
provided by operating activities:			
Depreciation/amortization		-	
Provision for uncollectible accounts		-	
Changes in assets and liabilities:	(4.000)	-	
(Increase)decrease in accounts receivable	(1,239)		
(Increase)decrease in due from other funds			
(Increase)decrease in prepayments			
(Increase)decrease in inventories		-	
(Increase)decrease in other assets	44.440	-	
Increase(decrease) in accounts payable and accruals	(4,144)	-	
Increase(decrease) in accrued payroll and related benefits			
Increase(decrease) in compensated absences payable	····	<u>.</u>	:
Increase(decrease) in due to other funds		-	
Increase(decrease) in deferred revenues		-	
Increase(decrease) in other liabilities		-	
Net cash provided(used) by operating activities		\$	2,810
Schedule of noncash investing, capital, and financing activities:			
Borrowing under capital lease		-	
Contributions of fixed assets		-	
Purchases of equipment on account		_	
Asset trade-ins		_	
Other (specify)		_	
		-	
		_	
Total noncash investing, capital, and financing activities:	0		

(Concluded)

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

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STATE OF LOUISIANA LOUISIANA EGG COMMISSION (BTA) Notes to the Financial Statement As of and for the year ended June 30, 20 03

INTRODUCTION

The <u>Louisiana Egg Commission</u> (BTA) was created by the Louisiana State Legislature under the provisions of Louisiana Revised Statute <u>3:551.1-11</u>. The following is a brief description of the operations of <u>the commission</u> (BTA) which includes the parish/parishes in which the (BTA) is located:

The Louisiana Egg Commission is a component unit of the State of Louisiana created within the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry, as provided by Louisiana Revised Statutes 3:551.1-11. The commission is composed of 12 members, 10 of whom are appointed by the governor upon the joint recommendation of the Poultry Industries of Louisiana, Incorporated, and/or the Louisiana Egg Council, and the Commissioner of Agriculture and Forestry. Two of the members are appointed by the governor from the public at large. Members are appointed to six-year terms, and the appointments are staggered so that either two or four members' terms expire every two years. The Commissioner of Agriculture and Forestry is an ex-officio member with voting privileges. Commission members do not receive any compensation.

The commission is charged with the responsibility of entering into advertising contracts and other agreements for consumer, producer, and dealer information services as to the food value of eggs and for instruction on grades and packs and how to evaluate their merits to expand the market for Louisiana-produced eggs. Operations of the commission are funded entirely with self-generated revenues. Personnel of the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry perform all collection and administrative functions of the commission. The commission has no employees.

A. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1. BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

In April of 1984, the Financial Accounting Foundation established the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) to promulgate generally accepted accounting principles and reporting standards with respect to activities and transactions of state and local governmental entities. The GASB has issued a Codification of Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards (GASB Codification). This codification and subsequent GASB pronouncements are recognized as generally accepted accounting principles for state and local governments. The accompanying financial statements have been prepared in accordance with such principles.

The accompanying financial statements of <u>the Louisiana Egg Commission</u> present information only as to the transactions of the programs of the <u>commission</u> as authorized by Louisiana statutes and administrative regulations. Basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenses are recognized and reported in the financial statements. Basis of accounting relates to the timing of the measurements made, regardless of the measurement focus applied.

The accounts of the <u>commission</u> are maintained in accordance with applicable statutory provisions and the regulations of the Division of Administration – Office of Statewide Reporting and Accounting Policy as follows:

Revenue Recognition

Revenues are recognized using the full accrual basis of accounting; therefore, revenues are recognized in the accounting period in which they are earned and become measurable.

STATE OF LOUISIANA LOUISIANA EGG COMMISSION (BTA) Notes to the Financial Statement As of and for the year ended June 30, 20 03

Expense Recognition

Expenses are recognized on the accrual basis; therefore, expenses, including salaries, are recognized in the period incurred, if measurable.

B. BUDGETARY ACCOUNTING

The appropriations made for the operations of the various programs of the <u>commission</u> (BTA) are annual lapsing appropriations.

- 1. The budgetary process is an annual appropriation valid for one year.
- 2. The agency is prohibited by statute from over expending the categories established in the budget.
- 3. Budget revisions are granted by the Joint Legislative Budget Committee, a committee of the Louisiana Legislature. Interim emergency appropriations may be granted by the Interim Emergency Board.
- 4. The budgetary information included in the financial statements include the original appropriation plus subsequent amendments as follows:

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		APPROPRIATIONS
Original approved budget	\$_	
Amendments: The Egg Commission does not adopt a formal budget on a fiscal year basis. The commission may allocate amounts to be spent on specific projects.		
Final approved budget	\$_	0

C. DEPOSITS WITH FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND INVESTMENTS (If all agency cash and investments are deposited in the State Treasury, disregard Note C.)

1. DEPOSITS WITH FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

For reporting purposes, deposits with financial institutions include savings, demand deposits, time deposits, and certificates of deposit. Under state law the <u>commission</u> (BTA) may deposit funds within a fiscal agent bank selected and designated by the Interim Emergency Board. Further, the (BTA) may invest in time certificates of deposit of state banks organized under the laws of Louisiana, national banks having their principal office in the state of Louisiana, in savings accounts or shares of savings and loan associations and savings banks and in share accounts and share certificate accounts of federally or state chartered credit unions.

For the purpose of the Statement of Cash Flows, all highly liquid investments (including restricted assets with a maturity of three months or less when purchased) are considered to be cash equivalents.

Deposits in bank accounts are stated at cost, which approximates market. Under state law these deposits must be secured by federal deposit insurance or the pledge of securities owned by the

STATE OF LOUISIANA LOUISIANA EGG COMMISSION (BTA)

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fiscal agent bank. The market value of the pledged securities plus the federal deposit insurance must at all times equal the amount on deposit with the fiscal agent. These pledged securities are held in the name of the pledging fiscal agent bank in a holding or custodial bank in the form of safekeeping receipts held by the State Treasurer. The deposits at <u>June 30</u>, <u>2003</u>, were secured as follows:

		Dep	os	its in bank ac	cou	nts		
				Certificates		Other		
		<u>Cash</u>		of Deposit		(Describe)		<u>Total</u>
Deposits in bank accounts per balance sheet	\$ _	7,445	\$_	40,698	. \$ _		\$_	48,143
Bank balances:	٠.							
1. Insured or collateralized with securities held								
by the entity or its agency in the entity's name	_	7,445	_	40,698				48,143
2. Collateralized with securities held by the								
pledging institution's trust department or								
agent <u>in the entity's name</u>			_					00
3. Uncollateralized, including any securities								
held for the entity but not in the entity's name	_		_					0
Total bank balances	\$_	7,445	\$_	40,698	\$_	0	\$_	48,143

NOTE: The "Total Bank Balances" will not necessarily equal the "Deposits in Bank Account per Balance Sheet".

The following is a breakdown by banking institution, program, account number, and amount of the balances shown above:

Banking institution	<u>Program</u>		Amount
1. Bank One	Checking	\$	5,042
2. Bank One	Savings		2,403
3. Bank One	Certificate of Deposit		40,698
4.			
Total		\$	48,143

Were uncollateralized securities fitting the description in (3) above during the year significantly greater than at <u>June 30, 2003</u> (last day of your fiscal year)? If yes, attach a statement listing the amount(s) and a reason for this occurrence.

Cash in State Treasury and petty cash are not required to be reported in the note disclosure. However, to aid in reconciling amounts reported on the balance sheet to amounts reported in this note, list below any cash in treasury and petty cash that are included in the balance sheet.

Cash in State Treasury	\$ <u>11,579</u>	
Petty cash	\$ NONE	

STATE OF LOUISIANA LOUISIANA EGG COMMISSION (BTA) Notes to the Financial Statement As of and for the year ended June 30, 20 03

2. INVESTMENTS

The commission has no investments at June 30, 2003.

D. CAPITAL ASSETS

The commission has no investments at June 30, 2003.

E. INVENTORIES

The commission has no inventory at June 30, 2003.

F. RESTRICTED ASSETS

The commission has no restricted assets at June 30, 2003.

G. LEAVE

The commission has no employees at June 30, 2003

H. RETIREMENT SYSTEM

The commission has no employees at June 30, 2003.

I. POST RETIREMENT HEALTH CARE AND LIFE INSURANCE BENEFITS

The commission has no employees at June 30, 2003.

J. LEASES

The commission has no leases at June 30, 2003.

K. LONG-TERM LIABILITIES

The commission has no long-term liabilities at June 30, 2003.

L. LITIGATION

The commission has no litigation at June 30, 2003.

M. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The commission has no related party transactions at June 30, 2003.

N. ACCOUNTING CHANGES

The commission made no accounting changes during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2003.

STATE OF LOUISIANA LOUISIANA EGG COMMISSION (BTA) Notes to the Financial Statement As of and for the year ended June 30, 20_03

O. IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS

The commission had no in-kind contributions at June 30, 2003.

P. DEFEASED ISSUES

The commission has no defeased issues at June 30, 2003.

Q. COOPERATIVE ENDEAVORS

The commission has no cooperative endeavors at June 30, 2003.

R. GOVERNMENT-MANDATED NONEXCHANGE TRANSACTIONS (GRANTS)

The commission has no government-mandated nonexchange transactions (grants) at June 30, 2003.

S. VIOLATIONS OF FINANCE-RELATED LEGAL OR CONTRACTUAL PROVISIONS

The commission has no violations of finance-related legal or contractual provisions at June 30, 2003.

T. SHORT-TERM DEBT

The commission had no short-term debt at June 30, 2003.

U. DISAGGREGATION OF RECEIVABLE BALANCES

Receivables at June 30, 20 03, were as follows:

Activity	 ustomer ceivables		Taxes.		Receivables from other Governments	Other Receivables	Total Receivables
Promotion	\$ 0	\$_	3,965	\$	0	\$ 0	\$ 3,965
Gross receivables Less allowance for	\$ 0	\$_	0	\$	0	\$ 0	\$ 0
uncollectible accounts Receivables, net	\$ 0	\$ <u></u>	0 3,965	\$	0 0	\$ 0	\$ 0 3,965
Amounts not scheduled for collection during the subsequent year	\$	\$ <u>_</u>		\$		\$	\$ 0

STATE OF LOUISIANA LOUISIANA EGG COMMISSION (BTA) Notes to the Financial Statement As of and for the year ended June 30, 20 03

V. DISAGGREGATION OF PAYABLE BALANCES

Payables at June 30, 20_03, were as follows:

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Activity Promotion	- _{\$} -	Vendors 97	·	benefits	\$ meresi	\$ Payables	\$ -	Payables 97
			· · •				_	0
Total payables	\$	97	\$	0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$	97

W. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

[Disclose any material event(s) affecting the (BTA) occurring between the close of the fiscal period and issuance of the financial statement.]

X. SEGMENT INFORMATION

Governments that report enterprise funds or that use enterprise fund accounting and reporting standards to report their activities are required to present segment information for those activities in the notes to the financial statements. For the purposes of this disclosure, a segment is an identifiable activity (or group of activities), reported as or within an enterprise fund or an other stand-alone entity that has one or more bonds or other debt instruments outstanding, with a revenue stream pledged in support of that debt. In addition, the activity's revenues, expenses, gains and losses, assets, and liabilities are required to be accounted for separately. This requirement for separate accounting applies if imposed by an external party, such as accounting and reporting requirements set forth in bond indentures. Disclosure requirements for each segment should be met by identifying the types of goods and services provided and by presenting condensed financial statements in the notes, including the elements in A through C below (GASB 34, paragraph 122, as modified by GASB 37, paragraph 17.)

Type of goods or services provided by the segment promotion of eggs

A. Condensed statement of net assets:

- (1) Total assets distinguishing between current assets, capital assets, and other assets. Amounts receivable from other funds or BTA's should be reported separately.
- (2) Total liabilities distinguishing between current and long-term amounts. Amounts payable to other funds or BTA's should be reported separately.
- (3) Total net assets distinguishing among restricted (separately reporting expendable and nonexpendable components); unrestricted; and amounts invested in capital assets, net of related debt.

STATE OF LOUISIANA LOUISIANA EGG COMMISSION (BTA) Notes to the Financial Statement As of and for the year ended June 30, 20 03

Condensed Statement of Net Assets:

		Segment #1	Segment #2	
Current assets	\$	63,687	\$	
Due from other funds				
Capital assets				
Other assets			***	
Current liabilities		97		
Due to other funds				
Long-term liabilities			<u> </u>	
Restricted net assets	·			
Unrestricted net assets				
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	_	63,590		

- B. Condensed statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in net assets:
 - (1) Operating revenues (by major source).
 - (2) Operating expenses. Depreciation (including any amortization) should be identified separately.
 - (3) Operating income (loss).
 - (4) Nonoperating revenues (expenses) with separate reporting of major revenues and expenses.
 - (5) Capital contributions and additions to permanent and term endowments.
 - (6) Special and extraordinary items.
 - (7) Transfers
 - (8) Change in net assets.
 - (9) Beginning net assets.
 - (10) Ending net assets.

Condensed Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets:

54,384	
46,191	
8,193	0
408	
8,601	0
54,989	
63,590	0
	8,601 8,601 54,989

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- C. Condensed statement of cash flows:
 - (1) Net cash provided (used) by:
 - (a) Operating activities
 - (b) Noncapital financing activities
 - (c) Capital and related financing activities
 - (d) Investing activities
 - (2) Beginning cash and cash equivalent balances
 - (3) Ending cash and cash equivalent balances

Condensed Statement of Cash Flows:

	Segment #	<u>‡1</u>	Segment #2		
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities Net cash provided (used) by noncapital	\$	<u>2,810</u> \$			
financing activities					
Net cash provided (used) by capital and related financing activities					
Net cash provided (used) by investing activities		408			
Beginning cash and cash equivalent balances	5	6,504			
Ending cash and cash equivalent balances	5	9,722	0		

Y. DUE TO/DUE FROM AND TRANSFERS

The commission has no due to/from and transfers at June 30, 2003.

Z. LIABILITIES PAYABLE FROM RESTRICTED ASSETS

The commission has no restricted assets at June 30, 2003.

AA. PRIOR-YEAR RESTATEMENT OF NET ASSETS

There were no adjustments made to net assets at June 30, 2003.

OTHER REPORT REQUIRED BY

GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

The following pages contain our report on compliance with laws and regulations and on internal control as required by *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. This report is based solely on the audit of the financial statements and includes, where appropriate, any reportable conditions and/or material weaknesses in internal control or compliance matters that would be material to the presented financial statements.



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August 6, 2003

Report on Compliance and on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting Based on an Audit of the Basic Financial Statements

LOUISIANA EGG COMMISSION DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY STATE OF LOUISIANA

Baton Rouge, Louisiana

We have audited the financial statements of the Louisiana Egg Commission, a component unit of the State of Louisiana, as of June 30, 2003, and for the years ended June 30, 2003 and 2002, and have issued our report thereon dated August 6, 2003. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Louisiana Egg Commission's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, and contracts, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Louisiana Egg Commission's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses.

LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR

LOUISIANA EGG COMMISSION DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY STATE OF LOUISIANA

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Respectfully submitted,

Grover C. Austin, CPA

First Assistant Legislative Auditor

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